

New York Stocks Stronger Under General Trading and Covering of Shorts

UNION PACIFIC ONCE MORE LEADS NEW YORK MARKET AND PRICES ARE HIGHER.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—The Wall Street market is on the mend today, after the skyrocket operations of last Saturday, and the supreme dullness which has ruled since that time. The opening was quiet, but strong, with Amalgamated Copper up 1 1/2 points, Brooklyn Rapid Transit a similar amount, and Union Pacific, and some of the other railroads showing gains of 1/2 to 1 1/2. Some stocks opened lower than last night's closing.

From the beginning the market moved off well and at noon has scored a good advance of a point or more. About 11 o'clock some selling occurred from the commission houses and caused a slight set-back, but during the entire forenoon the market moved consistently upward, leaving the impression that short covering is now fully under way.

Make New High Records.

Southern Pacific made a sharp advance this morning, selling at the highest price in its history. It was dealt in freely around 102 1/2, which is an advance of 1 point above the high record established yesterday. At the same time, Union Pacific, which has been a steady advance, moved up a point, was moved to 159 1/2, the highest record price for this year.

Under influence of this inspiring movement in the Harriman shares the whole market became very strong. Steel shares advanced, the common selling at 46 1/2, a gain of 1/2 over night. Smelters advanced 1 point, and Canadian Pacific 1/2 point.

Buying of the Rock Island securities was unusually good. The preferred stock advanced 1 1/2 points to 55 1/2, which is a new high record for this movement.

The local traction stocks were made active, Interborough Metropolitan moving up to 34 1/2.

On the cur market, Nipissing, Melrose, and Cumberland Ely were the active features. Bay State Gas was quiet. The London market was materially changed.

Market Goes Higher.

With only small reactions, generally less than half a point, five stocks today have crept upward, two of them to new high levels, and have added about 2 points net on the day's trading. They are Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Steel common, Reading, and Rock Island preferred. Union Pacific has taken its place again as the market leader, with Southern Pacific a close second. Trading has been in larger volume than yesterday, and the movement of selling out the shorts continues in a systematic and orderly fashion.

In addition to the most active group of five stocks, Copper, Smelters, National Lead, St. Paul, and Alchison have given a good account of themselves.

A good many rumors are current to-day about this and that dividend, some of them intended to depress the market, but prices refuse to go only one way, and the market position this afternoon is better than it has been for two weeks.

The market remained strong and activity increased on the leading stocks to the closing hour. By that time some of the leaders were two and three points above the lowest of the day.

The situation at the close is more hopeful than it has been for ten days.

PRICES FOR TODAY ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE

(Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, Hibbs Building, members New York Stock Exchange, Washington Stock Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.)

Amal. Cop.	Open	High	Low	Close
Am. Beet Sugar Co.	29 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2
Am. Can Co. pfd.	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2
Am. Car & Foundry	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
Am. Col. Oil Co.	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2
Am. Ice Sec.	29 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2
Am. Loco.	56 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	57 1/2
Am. Loco. pfd.	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2

DEVELOPMENT BUYS NO CHANGE OF VENUE IN THE HARGIS CASE

Acquisition of Peninsula Road Gives Big System Entry Into Norfolk.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 27.—Within the next few days the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will assume the ownership of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad.

The Pennsylvania offered to purchase the stock of this line by giving \$3 in bonds for each \$1 in stock offered yesterday, and has been accepted with practical unanimity by the shareholders. Thus will end the independent existence of one of the most important short lines of railroads in this country, a line the history of which is one of the romances of railroading.

The road extends from Delmar, on the State line of Delaware and Maryland, down the backbone of the peninsula, between the Atlantic ocean and Chesapeake bay, to the town of Cape Charles, Va.

Freight Cars Ferried.

From there freight cars are carried by barge to Norfolk, where connections are made with the Norfolk and Southern, Norfolk and Western, Atlantic Coast Line, Chesapeake and Ohio, Southern, Seaboard Air line, and Virginia railway.

Including the thirty-six miles of ferry, the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad is only 147.3 miles in length, yet, with the unchanged mileage, its gross revenue in 1907 was \$2,148,148, in 1908 an increase of more than 1,000 per cent. There were many years, however, and even ten years ago the stock might have been purchased at 30 cents on the dollar.

For several years this company has paid a dividend of 12 per cent, and in 1906 declared a stock bonus of 25 per cent.

Pennsylvania Into Norfolk.

The purchase of this line will signify the entry of Pennsylvania rails into the city of Norfolk, thus marking the consummation of a plan long attempted to provide continuous transportation under the same management between Philadelphia and Norfolk and the Southern seaboard.

Taking Wilmington as a common point, the distance to Norfolk by the Cape Charles route, including the ferry, is 228 miles; by the most important Southern gateway, via Washington, it is 224 miles.

The New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad is laid with eighty-five pound rails, and on the main line there is one tangent forty-two miles long. About 92 per cent of the total line is straight.

CEREALS CLIMB TO HIGHER LEVELS

Grain Market Opens Strong and Scores Advances in Early Trading.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—The grain market is not much changed today. Trading is in fair volume, prices are firm, and gradually creeping higher.

Wheat opened easy, with commission houses selling for profits on the higher prices of yesterday. This resulted in small declines which were met with good buying, sufficient to cause a rally to the closing prices of yesterday. At that level the market steadied and remained firm until noon.

September corn opened 1/2 to 1/4 higher than last night on better weather news and though some profit taking came out, during the forenoon prices were maintained fairly steady and the market was in good shape.

Oats, like the other grains, opened about a quarter of a point higher, and remained steady. Under the somewhat active trade the prices fluctuated a little more than corn, but the strength of the market was good all the morning.

Wheat closed 1/2 cent better; oats were up 1/4 cent, and provisions were irregular and unsettled in price, easing off late in sympathy with the selling of December wheat and the momentary weakness in that future. Closing prices: Wheat—September, 94 1/2; October, 94 1/2; November, 94 1/2; December, 94 1/2; Oats—September, 77 1/2; October, 77 1/2; November, 77 1/2; December, 77 1/2.

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JAPS' "WORLD'S FAIR" MAY FALL THROUGH

Cabinet Members Insist on Postponement Until 1917 for Monetary Reasons.

TOKIO, Aug. 27.—A clash that threatens seriously to interfere with the Japanese "world's fair" in 1912, and may even cause an abandonment of the scheme, is now on between the commercial bodies of the empire and the Japanese cabinet.

A majority of the cabinet members are insisting that the exposition be postponed until 1917, for monetary reasons. There is a division of sentiment in the cabinet regarding the size of the appropriation for the fair, and the cabinet members, who argue that the impoverished condition of the country and the plans for naval enlargement make such an appropriation at this time an unwarranted burden.

COURT RECORD OF THE DISTRICT

DISTRICT SUPREME COURT.

Equity Court, No. 1.

JUSTICE STAFFORD.

No. 2777. Burr vs. Burr, trustee authorized to invest funds. Complainant's solicitor, C. A. Barnard; defendant's solicitor, A. C. Wells.

No. 2748. Kien vs. Kien; rule to show cause returnable August 31, 1908. Complainant's solicitor, C. F. Digges; defendant's solicitor, W. C. Ambrose.

No. 2805. Robertson vs. Gordon et al.; restraining order returnable August 28. Complainant's solicitor, George H. Patrick.

(Called today.)

No. 2756. Wise vs. Wise et al.; reference to F. H. Pitman, examiner. Complainant's solicitor, D. Rothschild; defendant's solicitor, A. L. Neumyer.

No. 2481. Bell vs. Lander; order allowing withdrawal of exhibit from the plaintiff's solicitor, B. F. Leighton; defendant's solicitor, S. C. Peele.

No. 2782. Hickman & White vs. Washington Baseball Club; order authorized to institute suit. Complainant's solicitor, T. C. Bradley; defendant's solicitor, W. J. Lambert.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

JUSTICE STAFFORD.

No. 57. In re Thomas B. LeCuyer; Harry Guen appointed receiver; bond, \$500.

No. 49. In re Martin Bros.; rule to show cause vs. William A. Collins returnable September 2, 1908.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Called yesterday.)

No. 78. In re redemption of squares 63 and 81; amendment of proceedings authorized.

Probate Court.

(Called yesterday.)

Estate of Herman H. Grames; exemplified copy of will filed. Admorsory, J. H. Reddington; order nisi, Attorney, P. H. Hillard.

(Called today.)

In re Frederick Grimmon; order of allowance. Attorney, Harry S. Welch.

Estate of Helge G. Forsberg; order to set partnership. Attorney, Edward A. Newman.

Estate of Nathaniel McCullough; order granting letters of administration to Henry E. Elliott; bond, \$1,500. Attorneys, Keppeler & Merrill.

Estate of William A. Torrey; will admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Adam Torrey; bond, \$4,000. Attorney, John E. Taylor.

Estate of Dominic Christofani; order granting letters of administration to Barbara Christofani; bond, \$500. Attorney, John E. Taylor.

REPUBLICANS NAME COX FOR GOVERNOR

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 27.—J. Elwood Cox, a capitalist and manufacturer of High Point, was nominated by acclamation at 2 o'clock this afternoon for governor by the Republican State convention.

TO IMPORT COTTON PICKERS.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 27.—Arrangements have been completed for importing about 10,000 Mexican cotton pickers to Texas and Oklahoma. About 3,000 Mexicans are now picking cotton in Texas, rapidly supplanting the negroes.

LOCAL SECURITIES 'SELL HIGHER AND BUSINESS GOOD ON LOCAL EXCHANGE.

One by one the brokers are coming back to business and the local stock exchange is filling up. Today J. Thilman Hendrick was in his seat, reporting a good time for nearly two months spent for the most part at Deer Park, Md.

Business was fairly active on the exchange today, the transactions being ninety-one shares of stock and \$100 in Georgetown Gas certificates. A good call developed for Capital Traction shares, bids ranging over quite a wide field below 129. This price was not thought good enough, but the brokers would not pay more except one, who wanted three shares and bought them at 129—a new high price for this stock in recent months.

Railway common was again in evidence on the bidding, but all efforts to push the price beyond 35 were futile. Five shares sold at that figure, and while some of it was offered above 35, none came out, beyond those sold in good shape.

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QUOTATIONS FOR TODAY ON WASHINGTON EXCHANGE

Capital Traction, 36 1/2; Washington Railway and Electric, 36 1/2; Washington Gas, 50 1/2; United States Trust, 105 1/2; After call—Georgetown Gas, 5 1/2, 10 1/2; Washington Railway and Electric, 36 1/2.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

U. S. R. T's. 103 1/2; U. S. T's. 101 1/2; U. S. C. T's. 101 1/2; U. S. C. T's. 101 1/2; U. S. C. T's. 101 1/2.

GAS BONDS.

Georgetown Gas 5's. 105 1/2; Washington Gas 5's. 105 1/2; Wash. Gas Cert. 6's. 107 1/2.

Chorus Girls Post Bills on Wager; Winning \$50 for Their Manager

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Some time ago J. J. Dailey, stage manager of "The Mimic World," an attraction running at the Moorish playhouse, had Robert McConnell, vice president of the New York Steel Month Company, \$50 that girls in his chorus could do anything, from running the box office to playing a speaking part for their figures.

"They are a smart lot," declared Mr. Dailey enthusiastically, "and they can't be beat anywhere in old New York."

"Bet they can't post bills," chuckled Mr. McConnell.

"How much will you bet?" asked the stage manager.

"Oh, \$50," replied the other.

"You're on," exclaimed Mr. Dailey. And he counted out the cash then and there.

POSSE ON THE HUNT FOR THREE TRAMPS

Woods Scoured in Search for Men Wanted for Murder of Farmer.

NORWICH, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Tramps who yesterday eluded a posse of white men, wounded another, and finally was himself shot to death by a posse today.

The dead: TOM GATTLIN. J. A. JOHNER. The wounded: John J. McNair.

Bullock, at 8:30 o'clock, suddenly ran amuck, seized a shotgun, ran to the house of his cabin, and opened fire on those who were on the depot platform.

Men hurried from business houses armed with any weapons they could get. Pistols, derringers, rifles, and shotguns were taken into play. The negro was trailed through the town and located behind a stack of wood. The mob called upon him to surrender, but his reply was a shot which took effect in McNair, who is probably fatally wounded.

The sight of one of their fellows weltering in blood spurred on the mob to desperate frenzy and the woodpile was charged. The negro was riddled with bullets, and his body was taken to a place, where it is a warning to all blacks.

CATCH BEAR CUB IN NEW JERSEY

Picnickers Surprised by Whole Bruin Family—Big Game Is Lost.

EGG HARBOR CITY, N. J., Aug. 27.—A bear hunt near the village of Lower Bear yesterday resulted in the capture of a cub, but the parent bears escaped the hunters.

While picking berries in a swamp Mrs. David Sharrock and Mrs. Louis Ockel saw a big black specimen and ran home. They told about it, and a number of men armed themselves and set out on a hunt. They found the trail of two bears and followed it for several miles. They finally lost it and started for home. While retracing their steps they came upon the cub and they brought young bruin home with them.

VICTIM DIES IN HOSPITAL

Meredith P. Henderson, nineteen years old, who fell to the ground while at work on a fire-escape in the rear of the Schmidt building, 518 Ninth street northwest, died while on the operating table at the Emergency Hospital yesterday. Hospital physicians say nearly every bone in his body was broken. Henderson was employed by the Washington Iron Works Company.

BIG BATTLE SHOT FIGHTING A BOAR

Goat's Head Suspended About His Neck War-ranted to Cure.

"Suspend the head of a goat around the neck of the afflicted leper, and it will cure him perfectly. This may seem foolish in these days, but there is nothing like trying."

While the Health Department, the War Department, and the State of North Carolina are wrestling with the problem of who should care for John Early, the leper now confined in a tent just outside the city, the health officers are receiving a great deal of free advice how to care for and cure the unfortunate man. The quotation above is the latest.

A letter was received today from New York, evidently from a woman, written in a rather scrawling, irregular hand, upon a single sheet of note paper. It said: "Having read an account of a case of leprosy in your city I suggest and hope you will give this trial, if you possibly can obtain the following: Suspend the head of a goat around the neck of the afflicted, and will cure him perfectly. This may seem foolish in these days, but nothing like trying. Sympathizer."

Acting Health Officer MacLean, however, did not seem inclined to try the remedy which takes the prize for novelty. The writer did not say how long the goat's head was to remain about the leper's neck nor did she furnish any further directions for continuing the treatment.

Have No Accommodations.

Dr. MacLean held an informal consultation with officials at the War Department this morning to ascertain if the Federal Government had any place to which they could send Early, inasmuch as he is probably contracted the disease during service in the Philippines.

The acting health officer was informed that the War Department had no accommodations whatever for the leprosy patient and that he would have to remain, for the present at least, in charge of the District.

The technical question as to whether the Government was under obligations to care for the man, in view of his long military service, was not taken into consideration, although it may be formally put up to the department later in event North Carolina refuses to take Early back and to care for him at Lynn, where his wife and child now are.

The telegram and letter advising the local authorities that the matter had been put up to the attorney general of the State, the health officer has heard nothing further from North Carolina.

The impression is growing that Early may have to spend many a weary day in his little hut on the eastern branch of the Potomac.

An Ideal Patient.

"The District could not ask for a more ideal patient," said Dr. MacLean today. "He never utters a word of complaint, accepting his unfortunate position with true fortitude. So conscientious is the man that were it not for the curious public I believe we might remove the guards and he would never go beyond the lines marked out to him."

"The statement made at the War Department today that the Federal Government had nowhere to send a leper means that the District will probably care for the unfortunate man for some time. We are doing all we can to make him comfortable, for he is worthy of every attention."

"He does not need anything, but it has occurred to me that possibly his wife and child will sooner or later need assistance. I believe this department would be glad to lead a subscription to help them out. It is a case that appeals to every heart and to every philanthropist."

The past three days have been doubly hard on the isolated man on account of the weather. He has received several letters from his wife and relatives, which have had the effect of both comforting and saddening him, for his whole thought is for his home and whether he will be permitted to return to his old home again to see his loved ones.

Rather Expensive.

If Early remains in the care of the District it is probable a little home will be built for him and that he may be given a little patch of ground to till. This plan was informally talked of at the Health Office this morning.

It is now costing the District from \$12 to \$14 per day to care for Early. "There is no inconvenience at all, for he is such a good patient," said Dr. MacLean, "but the expense is rather heavy and it is for this reason that the District thinks he should be cared for by his own State."

LUNA PARK TO HAVE ANOTHER FREE DAY

Luna Park will have another free coupon day next week. Free coupons good for admission and to the different attractions will be published in an amusement column of The Sunday Times. The conditions will be the same as the last day, and a few more attractions will be added.

Watch the amusement columns of The Times next Sunday, and don't fail to cut out the free coupons and spend a day at the park. The date is September 1.

The free vaudeville bill for next week is said to be exceptionally attractive. Next Sunday the American Regimental Band will give concerts in the auditorium during the afternoon and evening.

CHANGES IN DATES OF INDEPENDENCE

Occasioned by the wet weather during the last few days of the month, the following changes are made in the scheduled games of the Independence League.

Tomorrow's game between the Washington Nationals and the New York Giants will be postponed to Saturday at the Polo Grounds. Saturday another double-header will take place, Twining and Gurley playing at the Sunday School League grounds and Wallach and Ninth will entertain the folks at McDevitt's.

All of the managers are requested to make note of this shake-up, and notify their players accordingly.

Next week's schedule of postponed games has been made up to date, but the managers are requested to telephone their postponed games to Mr. Ormsby, the secretary, at North 785, not later than 7 o'clock this evening.

FAT GIRL WINS HAT BY A LONG WALK

YORK, Pa., Aug. 27.—To win a new hat Miss Marjorie Stubbs, assistant cook at the Elber Café here, who weighs more than 200 pounds, accomplished the feat of walking eleven miles, from York to Wrightsville, in two hours and forty-five minutes. In spite of the unusual exertion she experienced little fatigue.

Twelve-Foot Reptile Had Terrorized the Hoosiers for Twenty-six Years.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Aug. 27.—After furnishing material for all manner of snake stories for twenty-six years, Big Jim, a giant rattlesnake, is no more.

The reptile was four times the length of the ordinary rattlesnake and twice as long as the diamond back of the South. Several times during the summer he was seen in Sullivan and Knox counties, and his great size created terror wherever he roamed.

Big Jim became hungry and his hunger led to his death. He wished to feast on pig and a huge boar thwarted his desire. John Bascomb, an employee on the farm of W. H. Thompson, in the southwestern part of Sullivan county, heard a commotion near the pigpen, and when he reached the place he saw a boar fighting an enormous snake.

The boar had its mouth so fastened on the serpent's head that its fangs could not be used. The giant reptile was thrashing its body backward and forward, attempting to get out of the clutches of its antagonist, but the boar held on, feet braced apart, while Bascomb ran to the farm house and got a rifle.

The snake was skinned and the skin measured. From tip to tip it is twelve feet and three-fourths inches long. Big Jim had twenty-nine rattles on his tail, and the string of rattles has been left on the skin, which will be mounted by Bascomb.

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